

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24 and ending at page 2, line 11 of the specification with the following:

In electronic devices, such as mobile phones, telephones, PDAs, portable audio devices, game machines, cameras and information terminal devices, there ~~is a~~ has been, in recent years, widespread use ~~in recent years~~ of IC cards, PC cards, SD cards and SIM cards, all with a built-in IC component called an IC chip incorporating CPU and memory. ~~Under this circumstance~~ As a result, market ~~demands are~~ demand is growing for card connectors for use with small memory cards, such as IC cards, PC cards, SD cards and SIM cards. Particularly, there is an increasing ~~call~~ need for a card connector ~~which~~ that is low in height and small in size, has a sufficient strength to withstand card insertion/withdrawal operations, and can easily release an inserted card and also accept a plurality of kinds of cards of different sizes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12 and ending at page 2, line 26 of the specification with the following:

With conventional card connectors, however, if a plurality of kinds of cards of different sizes in thickness and width, such as IC cards, PC cards, SD cards and SIM cards, are to be used on the same card connector, some provisions must be made in these cards. ~~Further, these~~ These conventional card connectors ~~have formed~~ typically include, in a card insertion unit, a card insertion opening that matches the size of a particular kind of card. In such card connectors, because of a requirement of a connector size reduction and a limited availability of a space for installing an internal

printed circuit board, the card connectors are faced with an increasing demand for a capability that allows two or more kinds of cards of different sizes to be used on one and the same card connector.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18 and ending at page 4, line 4 of the specification with the following:

Therefore, an object of the present invention is to solve the aforementioned problems experienced with prior art. More specifically, it is an object of the present invention to provide a card connector ~~which~~ that accepts a plurality of kinds of cards of different ~~sizes in thickness and width~~ thicknesses and widths without requiring the cards to have any additional means, by performing a switching operation, using members such as ~~on such members as shutter~~ a shutter, actuators and latch arms. Another object of the present invention is to provide a card connector constructed ~~as~~ to distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate cards for use ~~on~~ in the card connector by permitting the insertion of appropriate cards and blocking the insertion of inappropriate cards.